

# KRS-One Lyrics

## "The Way We Live"

Welcome to hip-hop culture

We stay hot like Tulsa

Knowledge Reigns Supreme, followed by a number one

These rappers they do run run

Lyrically they flashin' two guns with new funds

But politically they do run run

When it's time to build, they chill, gettin' nuttin' done

But they mouth yes they do run run

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We talk and talk but this talkin' is goin' nowhere

I've been to the summits and conferences

And the people man, they'll tell you man

Hip-hop is the way we live

If you're down for this nation, hip-hop the nation

Three generations, fourth in the waitin'

Look at what we facin', mainstream penetration

Everyone's a biter now, no innovation

No syncopation, lost communication

Here's what we gotta do to fix the situation

First step know what you creatin'

Hip-hop the culture, the consciousness, a new civilization

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Everybody, c'mon unite now

Turn on the light now, stop all the fight now

Time to unite now, a new type of life now

No stress no strife, no gun, no knife now

No board no pipe now, we seein' the light now

Bein' the light now, the future is right now

Hip-hop is like wow, ready to fight now

Sick of the hype now, just about right now

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I hear uhh, hip-hop is callin' me  
The fact you must see sir, rap is not all of me  
I use that to reach ya, rappers be borin' me  
Redo the industry with a two dollar royalty

What's the agenda, to hip-hop and politics  
Don't you remember? The violence we stoppin' this  
Kris will defend the, hip-hop populist  
The solution is simple, raise up yo' consciousness

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